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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SOVIET-JEWISH REFUGEES IN WEST BERLIN

1. LOCAL MEDIA HAVE INQUIRED OCTOBER 19 ABOUT PRESENCE OF SOVIET JEWS AT MARIENFELDE REFUGEE CENTER IN WEST BERLIN, IMPLYING THAT CLOSURE OF AUSTRIAN FACILITY HAD LED THEM TO COME TO BERLIN. OF THIRTY SUCH PERSONS PRESENTLY IN CAMP, SOME 18 CHANGED THEIR DESTINATION WHILE EN ROUTE FROM USSR TO ISRAEL, WHILE REMAINDER ARRIVED HERE WITH ISRAELI PASSPORTS AFTER HAVING SPENT VARIOUS PERIODS OF TIME IN ISRAEL. NONE, HOWEVER, CAME DIRECTLY FROM SOVIET UNION TO WEST BERLIN, AND ALL THIRTY ARRIVED IN WEST BERLIN PRIOR TO CLOSURE OF VIENNA TRANSIENT FACILITY. MOREOVER, SOVIET JEWISH REFUGEES HAVE BEEN COMING TO MARIENFELDE FOR PAST 2-1/2 YEARS, AND WHILE NUMBER PRESENTLY IN CAMP IS SOMEWHAT GREATER THAN USUAL, POSSIBLY REFLECTING

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INCREASED FLOW OF EMIGRANTS, THERE IS NOTHING

NEW IN THEIR PRESENCE HERE.

2. WHEN GERMAN CAMP DIRECTOR REFUSED REQUESTS FOR
INTERVIEWS, MEDIA ASKED US TO INTERVENE. WE HAVE DECLINED TO
DO SO POINTING OUT THAT THIS IS NOT NEW DEVELOPMENT AND HAVE
ASKED PRESS NOT TO CREATE POLITICAL/SECURITY PROBLEM
THROUGH EXAGGERATED OR MISLEADING STORIES.KLEIN

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